THE CASTLE

AL-V-A-035 Castle Hill, Mt. Savage 1869 & 1909

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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CONDITION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Castle is located on Route 36 on the west side of the road at the junction of Castle Hill Road in Mt. Savage, Allegany County.

The Castle is an irregular rectangular shaped structure that is two stories high, three bays wide and six bays long. A rear wing abuts the main block on the western side and a second "L" shaped addition has been added to the rear wing. The building is of random ashlar stone construction and includes plain sandstone quions at the corners of the principle facade. The entire structure is supported by an ashlar bond stone foundation with no visable water table. The roof of the main block is gabled with a wide soffit while that on the rear wing is mansard. Both are covered with replaced asphalt shingles. The roof if interrupted by eleven gabled dormers. Windows themselves are double hung wooden sashes set in lancet frames with a combination of two over two lights and four over four lights. The windows are topped by pointed arches with keystones. The main entrance is located on the east facade and consists of an arched opening with a fanlight. The main entrance is covered by a three bay end porch with a flat roof and tudor arches. Five original corbeled brick chimneys are located in the interior of the structure.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

SPECIFIC DAT	ES CA 1870	BUILDER/ARCH	HITECT	
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_1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
_1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1400-1499	_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	_LAW	SCIENCE
PREHISTORIC	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	_COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
PERIOD	AF	REAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CH	ECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The main block of 'The Castle" was constructed for Dr. Alexander Thompson, a doctor for the Iron Works in Mt. Savage in approximately 1870. In the early part of this century, it was purchased by Andrew Ramsey, a Scotsman, whose trade was that of a brick maker. Ramsey added a wing to the house, ornamented it with his own white enamel bricks and renamed it "The Castle". These same white bricks were also used in the construction of the Mt. Savage jail and the Workman House in Frostburg. In addition to his refractories, Ramsey operated a ceramics laboratory in Corrigansville where he experimented with the king of white enamel used in making sinks and bath tubs. The formula which Ramsey used in his brick factories was his own and unfortunately, it was lost. This is the reason why the brick has never been duplicated.

Architecturally, the house was originally built in the style of the Gothic Revival. Ramsey elaborated on this style when he enlarged the building in an effort to produce a structure that would look similar to a castle from his native Scotland. Originally, "The Castle" included a sunken library, a ballroom lighted only with skylights, a gatehouse, a carriage house and a preservation cave in the rear of the building.

During the second World War, (1943 - 1945) the building was used as a supper club. This venture proved unprofitable and the structure was sold again as a private residence.² At the present time, the building has been divided into apartments.

¹ Interview with Mrs. Charles Carney, local historian, Mt. Savage, October 26, 1976

² Interview with Mrs. Harris, former owner, 1943-1945, November 5, 1976

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.56 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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ORGANIZATION		DATE
	Allegany County Historic Sites Survey	10/20/76
STREET & NUMBER		TELEPHONE
	507 National Highway	777-8991

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust

The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 267-1438

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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STATE REVIEW SHEET

NPS Project Number Historic Preservation Certification Application — Part 1

CASTLE THE Name of Property:_ Address of Property: RT. 1 80x 29A -1 CASTLE HILL, MT. SAVAGE, MD. 21545 Name of Registered Historic District: MT. SAVAGE HISTORICAL date initial application received by State _ date additional information requested by State date complete information received by State date of this transmittal to NPS Inspection of property by State staff?___ date: __ no ____ yes The following information is enclosed: 1 photos of facades and streetscapes photos of interiors signed, completed application map locating structure within historic district additional State comments on attached sheet For Evaluating Significance within Registered Historic Districts: Complete section (1), (2), or (3) according to which 2 of the Secretary's "Standards for Evaluating Significance within Registered Historic Districts" applies. The structure contributes to the historic significance of this district in: ✓ location ✓ design ✓ setting ✓ materials ✓ workmanship ✓ feeling and association Briefly explain how this structure relates to the significant qualities and characteristics of the district as described in the National Register nomination form or district documentation on file. This structure is significant through its design, setting, use materials, workmanship, feeling and association with the industrial development of the Western Maryland region, and with the localized industry of Mt. Javage. industrial development of the with the localized industry (2) _____ The structure does not contribute to the historic significance of this district because: _ it does not add to the district's sense of time and place and historical development; __ the location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association have been so altered or have so deteriorated that the overall integrity of the property has been irretrievably lost. Briefly explain this recommendation: For structures less than 50 years old: the historical merits of the district are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this structure's contribution. the strong historical or architectural merit of this structure as described in the National Register

nomination form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing.

Briefly explain how Standard (3) applies to this structure's individual merits or its significance in relation-

architectural or historical merits or the significance of the district

ship to the significant qualities and characteristics of the district:

there is insufficient justification to consider this structure contributing on the basis of its individual

3-4-86 Date

Detailed NPS review recommended ____

State Official Signature

Precedent-setting case _____ Forwarded without recommendation

Form 10-168 Rev. 3/84

Date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

A-035 OMB Approved No. 1024-0009 Expires 8/31/86

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION PART 1 – EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

NPS Office Use Only

National Park Service Office

				Project Number:
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,	Name of property:	The Castle		z ²
••	Address of property:	Rt 1 Box 29A-1 Cast	e Hill	
				State MD Zip Code 21545
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3.	Authorized project con-	tact:		
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	Street 21830 Bea	allsville Road	City E	Barnesville
	State MD	Zip 20830	Telephone Number (durin	g day):
4.	Owner:			
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	I hereby attest that the Owner's Signature	information I have provided is/to the be		**************************************
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National Park Service Authorized Signature

The Castle	HISTORIC PRESERVATION	NPS Office Use Only	MVA
Property Name R+ 1 Box 29A-1, M+S	CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—	Project Number:	
Property Address	21545		

5. Description of physical appearance:

mer Name/Social Security of Taxpayer ID Number

At the intersection of Maryland Route 36 and Jealous Row at the western edge of the District stands a large stone Gothic-influenced dwelling known locally as "The Castle." Completed late in the 19th century by the owner of the enamel brick works, the house displays glazed brick trim in its chimneys and porches. The mansard roof is interrupted by tall dormers which extend from the facade through the overhanging eaves. A one-story porch, of stone with wide Gothic arches, spans the principal facade; each side elevation has a projecting bay window. A stone wall surrounds the property, and a stone gatehouse/garage in the same style as the house marks the entrance to the grounds, which were originally extensively landscaped.

Date of Construction:	1870	Source of Date: _	deed
Date(s) of Alteration(s): _	1896 - 1920 -	<u>19</u> 40 - 1960	
Has building been moved?	☐ yes no. If so, when	n?	

6. Statement of significance:

See attachment



7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached: yes no



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South



North

1/	INVENTORY NO. AL-I-A-035 . 4177 /514
V	INVENTORY NO. AL-I-A-035 477/514 DATE: 9/20/76 1,56 Acres
-	REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor
	NAME OF PROPERTY: THE CASTLE (SCOTTISH)
	LOCATION OF PROPERTY: HILL, RT. I MT. SAVAGE
	DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EAST
	NAME OF OWNER: LESLIE FILES 4 ACRES 264-3428
	ADDRESS: CASTLE HILL RT. 1, MT. SAVAGE
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	STORIES: 1() 2(×3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(×4() 5() 6() 7() () WINGS, ADDITIONS: REAR L' Shaped Gabed Addition
	Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) Irregular
	WALL CONSTRUCTION:
	() FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?) () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. S.S. () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated () LCG () Other: Coverings
	WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, CTHERS FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK PLAIN-Quoins PLAIN-Quoins
	WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() Hood Molds Pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()
	ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Egst HARDWARE: original() replaced() FANDIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards
	CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Wide Overhand original () replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Ericze,
Cross	RCOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, TANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS # / Cable SMATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()
	CHIMNEYS: SHAFE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable() FLAT 3 BAY FRONT AND THOOR AND SHAFE SHAFE OF ROOF AND STONE() CORBELED(Y original(Y replaced() LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior (Y
	ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Degmental, Semicircular Pointed
0	Use - Residence Significance - A - ch Date Constructed - CA 1870 Condition - Good

TITLE SEARCH

The Castle AL-V-A-035

Allegany County Deed, Liber 477, Folio 514

grantee: Olive A. Williams

grantor: Frank R. Williams (deceased)

February 26, 1975

Allegany County Deed, Liber 267, Folio 40

grantee: Frank R. Williams

grantor: Alice Lavmia Adams & Harry G. Adams

April 14, 1955

Consideration: \$7,000.00

Allegany County Deed, Liber 265, Folio 506

grantee: Donald M. Boggs, et. ux.

grantor: Alice Lavmia Adams & Harry G. Adams

February 15, 1955

Allegany County Deed, Liber 187, Folio 235

grantee: Gus Harris

grantor: John Sheridan Biays

June 26, 1940

Consideration: \$6,000.00

Allegany County Deed, Liber 182, Folio 353

grantee: John Sheridan Biays, Jr.

grantor: Mt. Savage Realty Corporation

December 27, 1938

Allegany County Deed, Liber 168, Folio 108

grantee: Mt. Savage Realty Corporation

grantor: Mollis D. Quarles

Consideration \$7,500.00

(four acres known as "Andrew Ramsey Home Place")

Allegany County Deed, Liber 167, Folio 42

grantee: Mollie D. Quarles

grantor: Ellerslie Potteries Company

January 4, 1932

Allegany County Deed, Liber 160, Folio 330

grantee: Ellerslie Potteries Company

grantor: Frank A. LaPorte, Trustee

(Ellerslie Potteries was originally the Andrew Ramsey Company)

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Allegany County Deed, Liber 85, Folio 504 (Mortgage Records)

grantee: Mercantile Trust & Deposity Company of Baltimore, Trustee

grantor: Andrew Ramsey Company

February 15, 1923

Allegany County Deed, Liber 105, Folio 138

grantee: Andrew Ramsey
grantor: Eliza Thompson

October 13, 1909

Allegany County Deed, Will D, Folio 511

grantee: Eliza Thompson grantor: Alexander Thompson

December 15, 1881

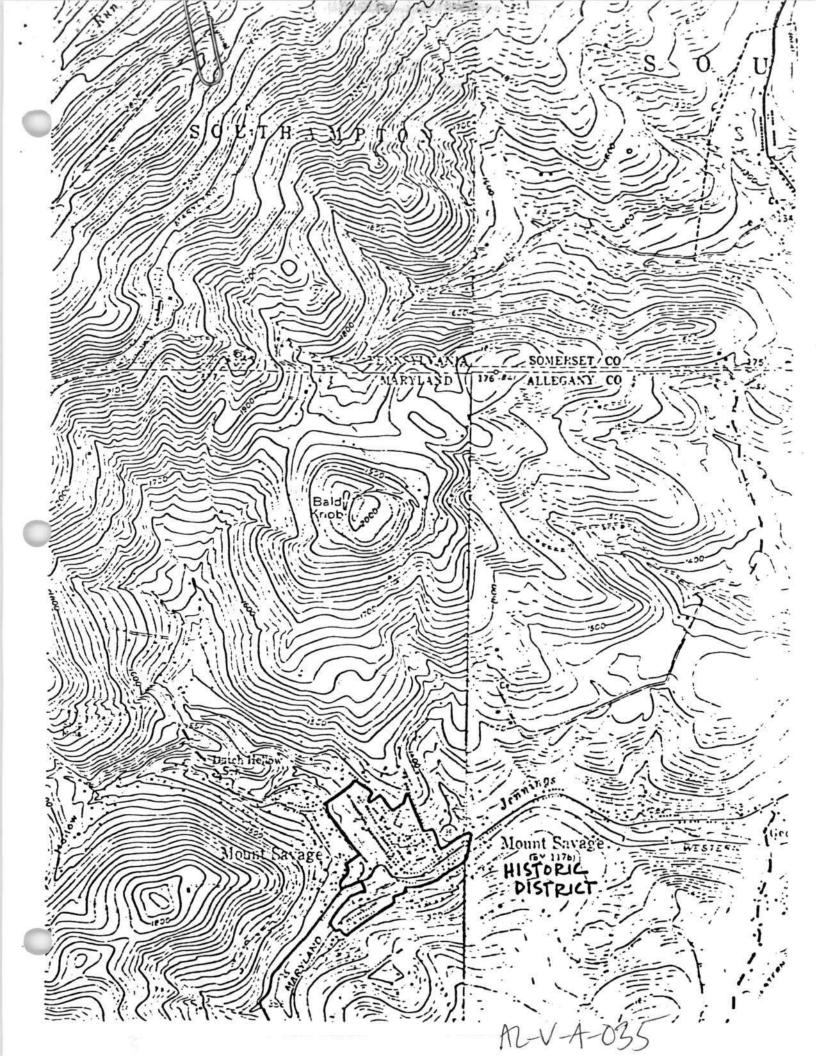
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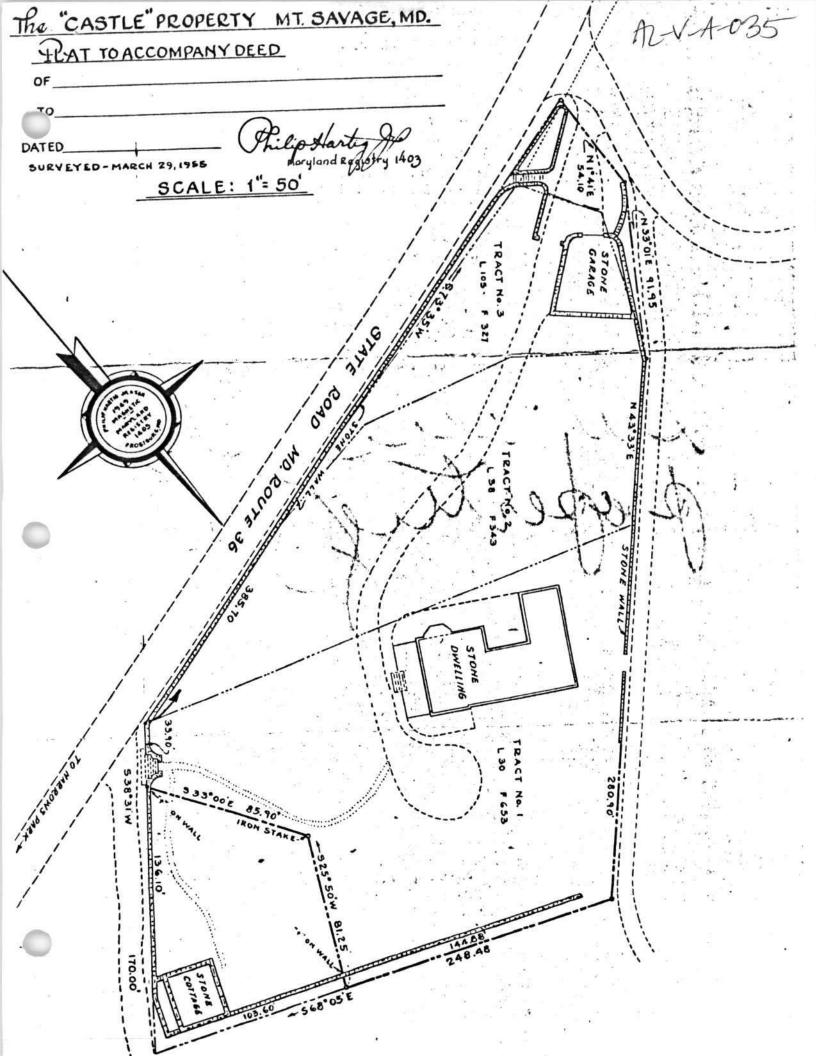
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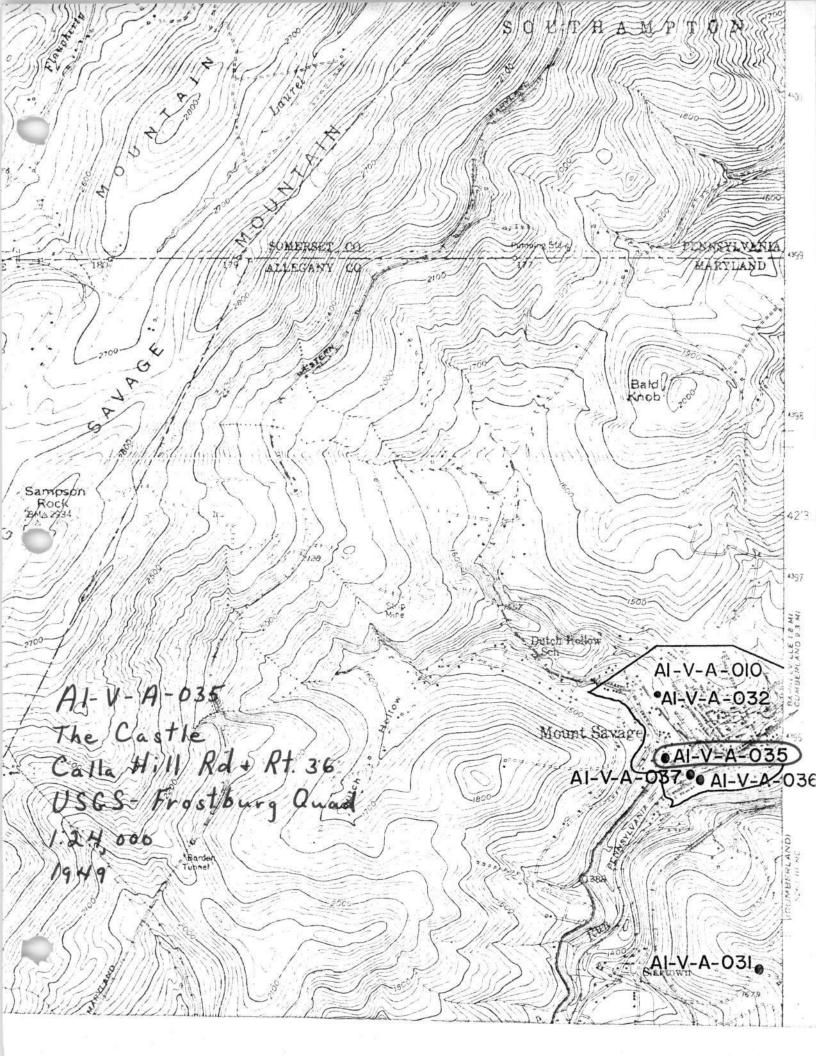
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Consideration: \$500.00

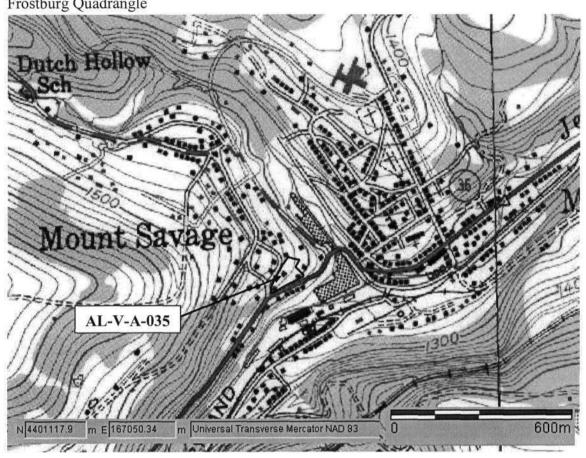








AL-V-A-035 The Castle 15925 Mt. Savage Road (MD 36) Frostburg Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo





"The Castle," Mt. Savage, AL-V-A-010
(HDH)

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levation 4/13 Michael Bourne

west



"The Castle", Mt. Savage AL-V-A-010
(HD#)

15975 Mt. Savage Road (MD36)

elevation 4/73 Michael Bowrne



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Gatehouse (HD#)
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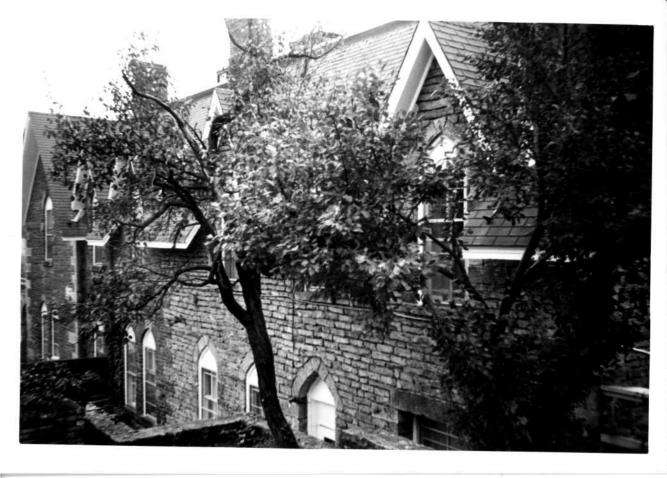
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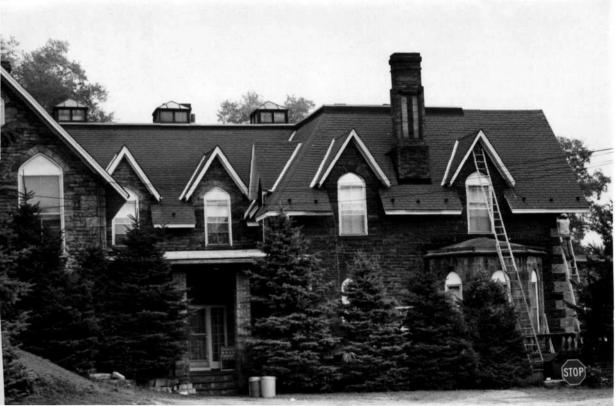
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THE CASTLE

Castle Hill, Mt. Savage

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Southeast



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